

14 VILLAGERS ARRAIGNED

Bir'im, Ikrit church sit-ins continue



The arraigned Bir'im squatters leave Tiberias Magistrate's Court yesterday.

Jerusalem Post Staff
R'TM.—Some 300 former residents of Bir'im and Ikrit squatted in air churches yesterday to back their demand to be allowed to return to the homes they evacuated 24 years ago.

residents, who were law-abiding citizens and nursed a deep grievance.

ment decides to expropriate the church property in the village, which includes the church building, a convent and the school, all the former residents and their relatives would leave the country.

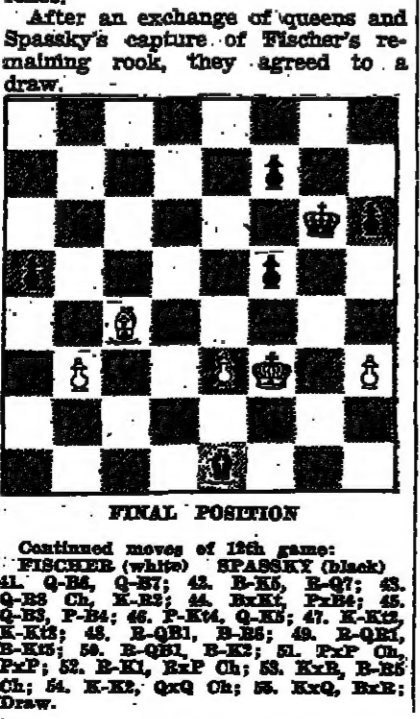
Spassky, Fischer struggle to a draw in 12th game

NYKJAVIK (Reuter). — Boris Spassky and Bobby Fischer, as expected, struggled to a draw last night in the adjourned 12th game of their world chess championship.

smiling and seemed in excellent spirits.

Today's play, beginning with Fischer's sealed 41st move — after he had arrived punctually for the first time in the series — followed the same lines early on as on Tuesday.

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U.K. dockers battle police; 22 arrested

LONDON (UPI). — Massed ranks of more than 500 policemen yesterday confronted hundreds of striking longshoremen outside a dock at Southshore, eastern England. They searched cars and buses and seized an armory of weapons, including meat cleavers, hammers, bill hooks and garden forks.

Tekoah sees Waldheim

UNITED NATIONS (AP). — Israel Ambassador Yosef Tekoah paid a 40-minute call on U.N. Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim on Tuesday on the eve of Waldheim's departure for a journey to China and vacation in Austria.

'Reds try to control Sudan rail union'

KHARTOUM (Reuter). — President Jaafar al-Numeiri said yesterday that Communists have been trying to gain control of the country's railway union — Sudan's largest workers' group — since the country won its independence in 1956, the Sudanese news agency reported.

'Al-Ahram' hits terrorists for Trieste attack

CAIRO (UPI). — Palestinian terrorists should drop attacks against outside targets, such as the Trieste, Italy, oil tanks, and operate underground in Israeli-held territory, "Al-Ahram" newspaper said yesterday.

Italian rightists' leaflet lauds Arab terrorists

ROME (INA). — Police have discovered a leaflet signed by the extreme right-wing organization "Avanguardia Nazionale" exalting Palestinian terrorists. It was distributed a few days before oil storage tanks were destroyed in Trieste.

Walk-out threat by Indonesia at non-aligned meet

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (Reuter). — Indonesia yesterday threatened to walk out of the non-aligned foreign ministers conference here if the Vietcong and exiled Cambodian government were admitted as members, conference sources said.

Soviet, Egypt said in state of cold war

By ANAN SAFADI, Jerusalem Post Arab Affairs Reporter
Relations between Egypt and the Soviet Union have entered a "cold war" phase, according to Beirut's leading "An-Nahar" newspaper, which is usually well-informed on Egyptian affairs.

Egypt envoy meets with British F.M.

LONDON (UPI). — Egypt, putting out cautious feelers to the West, yesterday sent its ambassador to the Foreign Office for a 45-minute review of the situation.

Jerusalem calm over report of U.S.-Egypt contact

Jerusalem Post Diplomatic Correspondent
Jerusalem reacted with equanimity yesterday to press reports that the U.S. has suggested to Egypt that it enter negotiations for a partial settlement.

Ben-Natan holds Paris talks

PARIS (UPI). — Israel ambassador Aaser Ben-Natan met with French Foreign Minister official Francois Puaux on Tuesday to discuss the Middle East situation, including French delivery of Mirages to Libya, Israel sources said.



THE WEATHER

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Social and Personal

The State Comptroller and Mrs. I. A. Nebenzahl yesterday held a reception at Beit Agron in Jerusalem in honour of Mrs. Renana Gutmann...

The outgoing Austrian Ambassador, Dr. Arthur Agstner, called yesterday on Bank of Israel Governor Moshe Sanbar in Jerusalem.

The Baron de Hirsch Meyer Building for Law on Mount Scopus, an addition to the Hebrew University's existing law complex, was dedicated yesterday in the presence of Supreme Court President Simon Agron...

The mayors in the central district, from Rehovot to Netanya, held a luncheon in Rehovot yesterday in honour of the outgoing and incoming Southern Police District Commanders, Nitzav David Offer, and Tat-Nitzav Aharon Chelouché.

Prof. and Mrs. Stenkamp of the Netherlands yesterday visited Wizo's Wadi Joz Arab women's training centre and the Phoebe Leon day creche in Katamon.

The Tel Aviv-Jaffa Rotary Club will hear Dr. Akiva Hoffman speak on "The Jew in the Modern World" at its weekly meeting today at 1.15 p.m. at the Z.O.A. House.

ARRIVALS

Mr. Irving Bernstein, Executive Vice-Chairman, United Jewish Appeal, to meet with Government and Jewish Agency officials, and his wife.

DEPARTURES

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Rothberg and their family after a private visit.

Mapam goes left — to see autonomy in East Jerusalem, exclude Gaza

TEL AVIV. — Mapam yesterday urged that East Jerusalem be accorded separate autonomous status within the united capital of Israel.

The junior partner in the Labour-Mapam Alignment also asked for a pull-back from the Suez Canal, declaring that an Israeli presence at Sharm-e-Sheikh was not of great importance...

The new move by Mapam, representing a sharp lurch to the left and away from its commitment to the 1969 Alignment election platform...

BIR'im MOTION

Another indication of the ascendancy of leftist forces was the success of the motion tabled by Mr. Eliezer Granot of Kibbutz Shvul sharply criticizing government policy on Bir'im, Dvrit and the Rafia Area.

The Mapam body resolved that "United Jerusalem will remain the capital of Israel, and when there is peace the holy places of Islam and Christianity will be ensured autonomy."

Mapam also proposed allowing Arab residents of East Jerusalem to choose between Israeli citizenship and that of Jordan-Palestine.

Savior challenges contract for Gahal members

TEL AVIV. — Gahal municipal faction leader, Mr. Menahem Savidor, complained yesterday that the City has awarded the contract to develop the Old Jaffa port area to the Kremerman-Meridor investment group without submitting the matter to the Municipal Finance Committee's approval.

Both Mr. Kremerman and Mr. Meridor are Gahal Knesset Members. Mr. Savidor told The Jerusalem Post the fact that they represent the same political party will prevent him "from protesting against the improper manner in which the City has handled the matter."

As Mr. Savidor saw it, the City has "embarked upon an undemocratic and administratively unacceptable course of concluding negotiations with business firms without discussing the contract and its conditions

returning a large part of the Golan Heights to Syrian rule. As for Egypt, Mapam urges a withdrawal of Israeli forces from the Barlev Line to an unspecified line in the Sinai Peninsula.

Pension rights to be transferred from gov't to Histadrut jobs

By YITZHAK OKED, Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — The Government and the Histadrut yesterday reached an agreement concerning the transfer of pension rights of employees who leave the civil service to work at a place where a Histadrut pension scheme is in force.

The agreement will have to be approved by the Knesset, and we hope that this will be done in the next session," he said. "The main problem in reaching agreement with the Government was that its employees are not required to contribute to their pensions."

Of the 750,000 Israeli employees, over 400,000 are members of a pension fund. Of the 250,000 self-employed persons, 100,000 moshav and kibbutz members are covered by a pension fund.

Mr. Meshel was speaking at a press conference at which he presented Prof. Ernst Kaiser's proposal for a comprehensive pension scheme.

Prof. Kaiser of the University of Berne and Chief Actuary of the Swiss Government, is also adviser to the Histadrut's Social Security Centre.

Prof. Kaiser proposes that all pension funds should be comprehensive, to include not only old age, but invalidity and next-of-kin insurance.

Two police suspended in fraud case

PETAH TIKVA. — Local Police commander Anselm Leopold, suspended on Tuesday together with one of his men in connection with an investigation into their handling of a case earlier this year, declared yesterday that he would "fight to the end" to clear his name.

Faked Leopold and one of his investigators, Rav-Samuel-Rishon Shlomo Tu'ek, were suspended at the order of Police Inspector-General Aharon Sela, with the consent of Police Minister Shlomo Hillel.

The move came after the police began to investigate complaints that Faked Leopold had exceeded his authority and contravened regulations while investigating a IL300,000 embezzlement complaint brought early in May by a local manufacturer against his ex-partner.

The City spokesman told The Jerusalem Post the matter had not come up before the finance committee yet, but would be submitted to the committee's consideration later.

Four charged with soliciting

HAIFA. — Four girls, one of them a minor, were arrested here yesterday, charged with soliciting sailors for prostitution.

Two sailors complained to police on Tuesday that two girls approached them, and took them to an apartment in Kiryat Ata, where they managed to obtain \$70 from them.

Absorption plan for Bokharan Jews

ASEKELON. — The Absorption Ministry has appointed a special team to plan for the settling of thousands of Jews from Bokhara, who have begun to arrive here in the past few weeks.

This was announced yesterday by Absorption Minister Natan Peled, who visited the new immigrants in the development towns of Kiryat Gat and Ofakim.

Russian newcomers for Ort schools

Jerusalem Post Reporter. ORT high schools will have a number of new science teachers from the Soviet Union when they reopen this autumn.

The group, who are all ulpan graduates, have already finished a special Hebrew course designed to furnish them with the technical vocabulary they will need.

Thieves disturbed at work

Thieves about to steal a safe from an East Jerusalem jewellery store were interrupted by a police patrol early yesterday morning.

The patrolmen's suspicions were aroused by two cars parked next to the store, adjacent to the Ambassador Hotel.

Israeli girl stabbed in Florence

ROME (DNA). — Israeli student Lea Teig, 22, was stabbed in a Florence street yesterday while sightseeing with three girlfriends.

The girl has not been identified, fled without leaving a trace. Police said they are investigating the stabbing.

The girl has been hospitalized and is in fair condition, police said.

Hearing on Insurance Ins't strike

The Jerusalem District Labour Court is this morning hearing the plea of the National Insurance Institute to declare illegal the strike of its 1,700 employees, now in its fifth day.

The Court had earlier rejected a plea by the Institute to issue a unilateral order against 12 members of the works committee to end the strike.

Any delays in a decision would also hurt about 200,000 elderly persons and dependents, the letter says. "You are not likely to gain anything by causing inconvenience to such large numbers of people," Dr. Katz concludes.

Informal sources believe that Dr. Katz's appeal may have an influence on the strikers. Only his threat to resign averted an earlier strike in May.

Pre-Olympics Israel hoopsters meet Bulgaria

Jerusalem Post Reporter. TEL AVIV. — Israel basketballers play against Bulgaria this afternoon in the final Olympic games qualifying tournament at Augsburg, West Germany.

Thirteen countries will fight for the final two places open in the Olympic final pool in Munich later this month. The countries are divided into two groups, the top two in each group entering the Augsburg finals, to be played on a league basis.

The five other countries in Israel's group are Bulgaria, Mexico, North Korea, Switzerland and England. The toughest opposition to Israel is expected to come from Bulgaria and Mexico, whom Israel will face today and tomorrow.

The Israel squad won a highly encouraging 103-93 win over West Germany in a warming-up match on Tuesday, Israel opened with its strongest five of Tal Brody, Itamar Marsel, Shmuel Avissar, Mark Torenstein and Jack Eisner. Torenstein scored 30 points, Brody 24 and Avissar 22 points.

DR. WARHAFTIG WANTS UNITY

HAIFA. — Religious Affairs Minister Dr. Zerah Warhaftig said here yesterday that the two years of cease-fire had seen Israel's national unity weaken and the country's internal situation worsen.

Dr. Warhaftig, who was speaking at the cornerstone-laying ceremony for two new synagogues in the Neve Sha'anun quarter here, deplored what he called the failure to use the period of calm for creating joints *oacompnie* in the territories and thus strengthening Israel's position.

He declared that the building of synagogues was especially important now, to help bind the nation together. (TWn)

EILAT CORALS POLLUTED

EILAT. — The famous coral beds here have been seriously damaged by three incidents of pollution during the past 48 hours. In each case the pollution was connected with shipping in the port here, two being caused by leaks from tankers.

The Transport Ministry reported yesterday that special steps, based on a recent tour of the area by Transport Minister Shimon Peres, would be taken to prevent a recurrence of such pollution.

MARKMAN SENTENCED TO THREE YEARS

Vladimir Markman, the Jewish engineer arrested in Sverdlovsk last month on charges of slandering the State, was sentenced to three years' "strict regime" imprisonment, Israel Radio reported last night.

Although the trial date was not announced in advance, Markman's wife and father discovered the day and attended.

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HEARTIEST CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO Rabbi & Mrs. Harry A. Cohen

of Savoyon on their GOLDEN WEDDING ANNIVERSARY August 10, 1972



Defence Minister Moshe Dayan visited outposts on the Suez Canal yesterday, as the second anniversary of the cease-fire was marked. From left to right, the Commander of the Armoured Forces in Sinai, Aluf Dan Laner, O/C Southern Command Aluf Ariel Sharon, Mr. Dayan and the Army's operations chief, Aluf Yisrael Tal.

Talks to start at Elite tonight

By MARK SEGAL, Jerusalem Post Reporter.

TEL AVIV. — Negotiations over the Elite strike will be resumed this evening under the auspices of the Government's labour mediator, Mr. Gideon Ben-Israel. There will be another attempt to break the deadlock of this 17-day-old labour dispute which looked as though it might develop into a national industrial lockout.

The mediation effort has been made difficult by the extremely sharp attack launched by Histadrut Secretary-General Yitzhak Ben-Aharon on the Elite owners, and the tough line adopted by the Elite management, whose joint managing-director is Manufacturers' Association President Mark Mosevics.

The trade union stand appeared to harden yesterday, with attacks on Elite's management delivered by Histadrut trade unions' chief Uriel Abrahamowicz. He claimed Elite managers were not showing any desire for compromise.

National Food Workers' Union secretary Eliezer Ben-Haim, who heads the trade union delegation to the Elite strike negotiations, told The Jerusalem Post last night: "We are not looking for an ideological dispute," and spelled out the trade union's readiness to talk things over. The main bone of contention remains the question of the women's pay, with the severance pay issue presenting less of a problem.

TWO DEAD ON ROADS, MAN LOSES ARM

TIBERIAS. — Two pedestrians were killed in road accidents in Galilee on Tuesday night, while on the same day a car passenger in the same area lost part of his arm in a freak mishap.

Mr. Haled Fallah Benarbiye, 60, of Shibli village in Lower Galilee, was run over by an Egged bus while crossing the Tabor road. He was rushed to Poriya Hospital in Tiberias, where he died of his injuries. The bus driver was detained for questioning.

The second fatal accident took the life of Mrs. Shiri Cohen, 30, of Hatzor, who was run over by a cement mixer passing through the town. The driver was arrested.

DR. WARHAFTIG'S ORAL LAW MEET ENDS

The hundreds of participants in the 15th National Conference on the Oral Law ended their three days of sessions yesterday with a meeting at a Jordan Valley army camp devoted to the upcoming Shemitta year.

During the sessions, the rest of which were held at the Rav Kook Institute in Jerusalem, the conference heard Rabbis Moshe Neriyu, Kalman Kahana, and Yitzhak Yehudia Frankel, among others. The closing address was delivered by the conference's organizer, Rabbi Moshe Haim Katzenellenbogen.

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DEDICATION of the Monuments at the graves of our beloved parents Isaac and Annie KEISER will take place this Sunday, August 13, 1972 at Meshek Nir Galim — 5.00 p.m. Transportation From Jerusalem: 14 Rehov Balfour — 3.00 p.m. From: Tel Aviv: call Danhirsch, Tel. 03-227536 The Family: Lottie E. and Moshe Davis Grandchildren and Great-Grandchildren

With the deepest sorrow we announce the death of our beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother, sister, and sister-in-law FRIEDA KATZ née Adler Maris Kahn, née Katz, daughter Dr. Julius Kahn, son-in-law Families: Dr. Shimon Cohen Clara Goldschmidt Flora Trepp Selma Adler "Shiva": Petah Tikva, 4 Rehov Filca.

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From Haifa: Solel Boneh Square — 6.45-7.15 p.m.

THE ISRAEL FESTIVAL 1972

Nixon leads McGovern by 23% in Harris poll

WASHINGTON. — Democratic presidential candidate George McGovern trails President Nixon by 23 percentage points in a public opinion poll taken after the dropped Senator Thomas Eagleton as his running mate last week.

According to the Louis Harris Poll, published yesterday in the "Washington Post," it is Mr. Nixon's biggest lead over Senator McGovern since March — when he was 27 points ahead.

In May, there was only a seven per cent gap between them. The latest survey showed President Nixon favoured by 57 per cent of those polled, compared with 34 per cent for Senator McGovern. Nine per cent were undecided.

The poll was conducted in the middle of last week, after Senator Eagleton announced his withdrawal as Democratic vice-presidential candidate after disclosure that he had undergone psychiatric treatment.

Over nationwide television, the Democrats handed their U.S. vice-presidential nomination to Sargent

Shriver on Tuesday and cheered the leaders' opening swipes at Mr. Nixon and Spiro Agnew. "I'm not embarrassed to be George McGovern's seventh choice for vice-president," Shriver said after the Democratic National Committee added him to the ticket. "We Democrats may be short of money. We're not short of talent. Think of the comparison and then you can pick poor Mr. Nixon — his first and only choice was Spiro Agnew."

"If we have used valuable time in the selection of a vice-presidential nominee," McGovern said, "the nation must wish the Republicans had made their choice with greater care."

In Jacksonville, Florida, a former Florida governor, Farris Bryant, said on Tuesday he has accepted an invitation of another former Democratic governor, John Connally of Texas, to become vice-chairman of the National Committee to reelect President Nixon. Bryant said he will continue to support the Nixon party and support its nominees except for the presidential ticket. (Reuter, AP)

Terrorists bomb electric pylons near Lisbon

LISBON (UPI). — Urban guerrillas bombed electric power pylons outside Lisbon yesterday in an effort to interfere with the presidential swearing-in ceremony, a government spokesman said.

He said plastic charges were planted at various points during the night. The explosions temporarily cut off about 30 per cent of the country's electric communications system.

He did not give the exact site of the bombings, but sources said it was near Povoa de Santa Iria, about 16 kms. northeast of Lisbon. There were no casualties reported. He said the attempt was evidently to prevent viewers from following the live telecast of the event.

Admiral Americo Thomas, 77, took the oath as President of the Republic at a ceremony in Sao Bento Palace yesterday morning. This is his third consecutive three-year term.

Thousands fight peat, brush fires around Moscow

MOSCOW (UPI). — Army explosives teams blasted trenches hundreds of metres long in efforts to put out vast peat and brush fires burning round Moscow for several weeks, newspapers said here yesterday.

More than 4,000 soldiers, farmers and factory workers battled the stubborn blazes covering 8,000 acres in five regions north, east and south of the capital, "Komsomolskaya Pravda" said.

Newspapers blamed the driest July in 93 years, the most prolonged hot summer of the century and human "criminal carelessness" for the rash of fires.

"Komsomolskaya Pravda" said criminal proceedings had begun against a number of persons who through "criminal negligence, carelessness and mishandling of fire" were partly to blame.

7 more liberals jailed in Prague treason trials

PRAGUE (Reuter). — Seven more liberals — including two former Communist Party leaders — have been jailed in a new list of sentences handed down in Czechoslovakia's continuing series of treason trials.

Professor Jaroslav Sabata and Alfred Cerny, both leading members of the ousted liberal regime of Alexander Dubcek, were sentenced on Tuesday night on charges of plotting the overthrow of Czechoslovakia's socialist system.

Professor Sabata, former secretary of the Communist Party's City Committee in Brno, Moravia, and a leading theoretician during the brief Dubcek reign in 1968-69, was jailed for 6 1/2 years.

Mr. Cerny, former regional secretary of South Moravia, was jailed for three years. Five lesser figures got sentences ranging up to five years.

It was the eighth trial since July 17 and brought to 38 the number of people sentenced so far. There have been no acquittals.

All were accused of forming an illegal anti-state group which engaged in hostile activity between 1970 and January this year with the aim of overthrowing Czechoslovakia's socialist system, according to the official Czechoslovakia news agency Ceteke.

Mr. Cerny was coopted into the Communist Party's Central Committee in September 1968 in a move by Mr. Dubcek's forces to strengthen the reformist position in the party's top organs of power. He later lost his post and was expelled from the party.

Professor Sabata, who has been under arrest with most of his family since last November, was voted as a member of the Central Committee at a secret, extraordinary party congress held in August 1968 and since annulled. But he was never actually coopted into membership by the Central Committee.

Ceteke gave no further details of his alleged offences, but the indictment of an earlier trial accused him of helping produce clandestine leaflets which circulated just before last November's parliamentary elections.

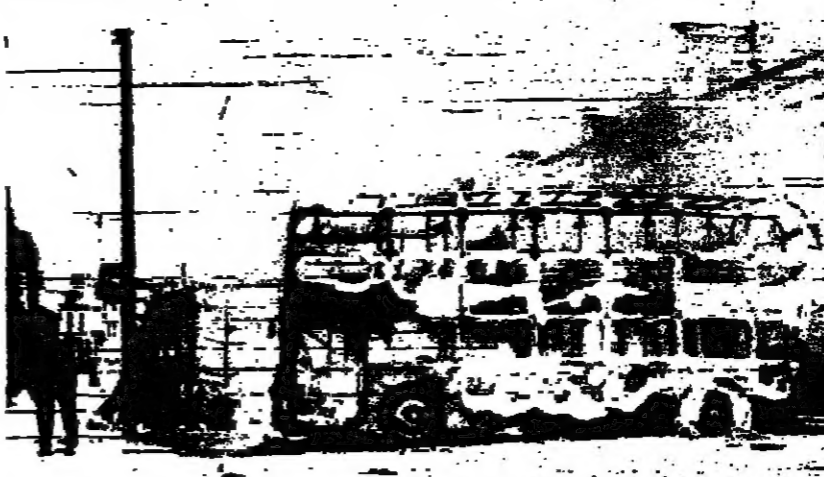
Copies of these election leaflets which reached Western correspondents reminded voters of their constitutional rights in voting, such as crossing names off the printed ballot list, or refusing to vote altogether. They also accused the regime of using the elections to confirm the Warsaw Pact occupation of Czechoslovakia in 1968 and the resultant loss of liberties.

Professor Sabata's sons Jan and Vladislav have already been sent to jail for two and a half years and two years respectively on similar subversion charges.

His daughter Anna and daughter-in-law Ivana (wife of Vladislav) were arrested at the same time, and usually reliable sources said their trial was due to start on Tuesday. But there has been no official confirmation of this.

Only Professor Sabata's wife remained at liberty following last year's arrests in the family.

NATIONALISM. — Nigeria's health commissioner has branded foreign films and fashions as detrimental to the country's culture and national growth and has called for their total ban.



A hijacked bus blazes on Falls Road in Belfast in the aftermath of yesterday's riots marking the first anniversary of internment. (AP radiophoto)

Gun battles mark Belfast protest day

BELFAST (Reuter). — Security forces were out in strength in Belfast yesterday after gun battles and hijackings marked a day of protest by the Catholic minority.

Civil rights organizations called for province-wide disruption to mark the first anniversary of the poll of the instrument without trial for suspected members of the Irish Republican Army (I.R.A.).

Several gun battles broke out in Belfast early yesterday and buses and cars were set alight. Three soldiers were wounded by gunfire but an army spokesman said that despite their injuries they returned fire and hit a gunman.

A store owned by a former provincial Health Minister, William Fitzsimons, was set ablaze.

Several buses in the Catholic Falls Road area were hijacked, leaving many people unable to get to work. Those who had cars were delayed for up to two hours because of searches by troops.

The day of protest began at 4 a.m. in Andersonstown Catholic area of Belfast. Demonstrators banged dustbin lids, a traditional warning that the enemy — the British Army — is approaching. But

in most areas the troops played a low-key role until several army posts were attacked.

A police station in the Catholic Springfield Road was stormed by youths who tried to break down the entrance with a hijacked crane. They were driven back by the troops using riot guns, but then the post was raked by automatic fire. The army said there were no casualties.

Meanwhile, British troops captured Ulster's "most dangerous gunman" in Belfast yesterday.

The sources said the troops surprised Martin Meehan, the Belfast commander of the Provisional wing of the I.R.A. in a hideout in the Ardoyne district.

Meehan gave up without a fight. But as the troops marched him away a man fired on them from a nearby building. The soldiers fired back, hitting James Mullen, 53, the sources said.

British authorities described Meehan as "the most dangerous gunman" in the North after he and two other men escaped from a Crumlin Road jail last December.

In Dublin, members of the Provisional wing of Sinn Fein — the political voice of the I.R.A. — started a 24-hour hunger strike outside the main post office to mark the first anniversary of internment.

In Newry, police said a gunman died when a bomb he was planting in a gas station on the outskirts of the town went off in his face. They said the man was leaving over the explosive device setting off a fuse while two other gunmen held the gas station's employees at gunpoint when the bomb exploded.

Israel second in wheelchair event

HEIDELBERG, West Germany (Reuter). — Israel's Ora Goldstein was second in the women's class four pentathlon event at the wheelchair Olympics here yesterday.

The event was won by West Germany's Anna Floer, who finished with 4,275 points — 269 points ahead of the Israel entrant.

Amin also expelling Indians and Pakistanis

KAMPALA (Reuter). — President Idi Amin of Uganda yesterday announced he was determined to go ahead with his plan to expel thousands of British Asians.

A new development that ministers in India, Pakistan and Bangladesh must also leave within 90 days. But the general listed a wide range of professions which would be exempt from expulsion.

Non-Ugandan Asians engaged in jobs ranging from teaching to accountancy to the law can stay here, he said in a major policy speech. Owners and managers of industrial and farm enterprises, banks and insurance companies are also exempt. It was not clear how far General Amin's concessions would diminish the size of the exodus.

Most of the Asians here are traders and not exempt. The number affected by the expulsion order could still top 40,000, observers said.

General Amin also announced that his Home Affairs Ministry was going to review claims to Ugandan citizenship, which he said were made by some 23,000 of the British Asian population.

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AFTER MAO GOES

Russia hopes for China detente

By K. C. THALEE

LONDON (UPI). — Russia hopes that pro-Soviet forces in China will pressure for eventual accommodation with Moscow once Mao Tse-tung has disappeared from the Peking scene, a qualified Communist source said yesterday.

The Kremlin sees Mao as the chief antagonist, fiercely and uncompromisingly anti-Soviet. Once he has gone, pro-Soviet forces in the country might come into the open and pursue a reconciliation with the U.S.S.R., the source said.

This process may take some time, and Moscow intends to mark time in a calculated wait-and-see policy, trying to avert a serious clash in the meantime.

Soviet policymakers assume that there are latent pro-Soviet forces in China which favour a return to co-operation with Moscow, above all as a source of arms and economic assistance, the informants said. Some of these forces allegedly favour accommodation with Russia in preference to the U.S. Others would want it to complement any closer cooperation with America in the future.

The affair of Lin Biao, Mao's heir-designate until his elimination earlier this year for alleged plotting against Mao with pro-Soviet elements, was cited as "proof" of the

existence of pro-Russian leanings in some leading Chinese quarters.

Western diplomats said yesterday that while there are almost certainly pro-Soviet elements in China, the Sino-Soviet conflict is too deep for any return by Peking to a new alignment with Russia in the foreseeable future. But they did not rule out some degree of political accommodation, some time after Mao's departure.

RELATIONS DISTANT. Relations with Russia are "distant in the extreme," the informant said. In the ideological field, they are all that severed. In the political sphere, a joint commission is trying, at least in name, to discuss the border dispute under which China claims

Mongolia and vast areas of Russian territory in Siberia, Kazakhstan and others.

Economically, there is growing trade, however, between the two antagonistic Communist giants. The Russians have evidently been anxious to keep the negotiating channel open, if only to maintain a point of contact with Peking for all eventualities.

Moscow put out new peace feelers to Peking earlier this spring, but was rebuffed.

At present Russia is agitated by the publication of a new Chinese atlas which depicts the claimed areas of Soviet territory as Chinese — a total of more than 1.5 million square kilometres.

Fighting rages close to Saigon

SAIGON (UPI). South Vietnamese rangers backed by U.S. jets counterattacked a Communist guerrilla battalion yesterday, 27 km. east of Saigon in the closest ground fighting to the capital in the current North Vietnamese offensive, government sources said.

After a three month lull, that offensive yesterday was growing throughout Vietnam and in Cambodia.

A U.S. navy jet fighter bomber was shot down by a Soviet-made missile on Sunday 16 km. north-east of Haiphong, the U.S. command reported yesterday. The pilot was listed as missing.

The results of yesterday's clash on a road east of Long Thanh leading from Saigon to the coast were not immediately known. U.S. military sources said that in two days of fighting the South Vietnamese had suffered 42 killed and 80 wounded, with 60 men missing.

The battles started on Monday in rubber-growing country and three battalions of rangers were called in on Tuesday night to help fight off the guerrillas who have cut off at least one village — Binh Son — from Saigon.

In Cambodia allied forces fought more than 200 Communist troops on the western edge of the Cambodian border town of Kompong Trabek following a pre-dawn North Vietnamese artillery and ground assault, the Cambodian command reported.

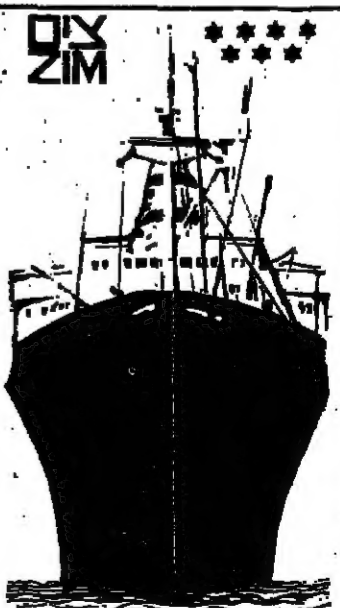
The command said allied troops at the town on Highway 1, the main Saigon-Phnom Penh link, appeared to be surrounded. Kompong Trabek is 70 km. southeast of Phnom Penh and 121 km. northwest of Saigon.

In the northern sector of South Vietnam, government marines attempting to recapture Quang Tri city from Communist troops who have held it since May 1 were encountering a storm of shellfire from North Vietnamese guns. The Communists were under constant bombardment from allied aircraft, artillery and U.S. naval gunships.



American socialite Mrs. Amanda Burden, 23, who was linked romantically to Senator Edward Kennedy in a "Washington Post" report this week. Mrs. Burden, once voted the world's best dressed woman of the year, was said to be seeking a divorce from her husband, New York City councilman Carter Burden. (AP radiophoto)

OLYMPIC. — President Georges Pompidou will attend the Olympic games in Munich on September 9, the Elysee Palace announced yesterday. During his stay he is expected to meet German Chancellor Willy Brandt.



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Soviet paper: Israel wants nuclear arms

NEW YORK (INA). — The Soviet press, which has already hinted at Egypt about the risk of counting on Western countries for arms to seaguard Israel, took the unusual step Tuesday of publishing what it described as Israel's nuclear weapons capabilities — according to yesterday's "New York Times."

In an article that gave Soviet readers an unusual glimpse of Israel's extensive armaments, the newspaper "Moskovsky Komsomolts" reported that Israel's military leadership "dreams of getting weapons of mass destruction."

"With this aim the Weizmann Institute carries out research at the Centre of Nuclear Research in the Negev Desert," the article said. Many specialists are convinced that Israel already can produce nuclear warheads.



Short-skirted girls don plastic cloaks with hoods before proceeding toward St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican. (AP wirephoto)

THE VATICAN COVERUP

By BARRY JAMES
VATICAN CITY (UPI). — It's the great Vatican Coverup — 32 degrees in the shade and they're handing out below-the-knee-length plastic coats.

This was the Vatican's reply Tuesday to "miniskirts and sleeveless dresses," the two big taboos at St. Peter's Basilica.

Until now, any woman or girl turning up with a miniskirt, the merest hint of revealed bosom, bare shoulders or uncovered midriff was curtly denied admittance. So were men in shorts.

But now they are offered the opportunity of entering the Basilica, providing they put on one of the black coats.

The specially designed garments come to the floor on a short woman. They have long-pointed hoods and wide sleeves that make the wearers look like condemned heretics at an auto da fe.

But what Vatican officials call "mini" and what more permissive people mean by the word are two different things.

ABOVE THE KNEE

Basically, anything more than five centimetres or so above the knee is suspect, although there is no strict rule. Thus even girls who put on their longest and most modest dresses are likely to find themselves excluded or condemned to the raincoats by a severe guard.

"I feel like a monk," said a South American teenager, slipping on one of the hot, sticky garments to cover about ten centimetres of leg showing above her knees.

Basilica officials said the hotter it gets, the harder it is to keep an "atmosphere of reverence" in Christendom's largest church. They said the coats are being tried to prevent the frequent disputes between angry, rejected tourists and Vatican guards.

Last year, the Vatican put a ban in charge of the Basilica's bare-knee brigade, on the assumption she would not become involved in disputes. But the nun, Sister Flordella (Little Flower), retired within a month because of "nervous exhaustion."

U.S. ANALYSIS

The article stopped short of the admission made four years ago by high-level American intelligence analysts that Israel already possessed atomic warheads or had them ready for extremely rapid assembly, the "Times" said.

The U.S. and Soviet Union have spent any such intelligence estimates secret for fear that their publication would spur a nuclear arms race in the Middle East. This made Tuesday's article particularly unusual — except that it can resist Egyptian pressures for nuclear aid or technology after Cairo's expulsion of Soviet advisers, the "Times" wrote.

Two Koreas reach agreement on 'all issues'

SEOUL (UPI). — South and North Korea Red Cross officials yesterday reached full agreement on all pending issues, and the projected reunification of the two Koreas is expected to be announced soon.

The South Korean Red Cross said an agreement was reached at a working-level meeting of Red Cross officials held at the truce village of Panmunjom. The meeting lasted nearly eight hours, including two intermissions, it said.

"Efforts to settle outstanding procedural matters have been satisfactorily concluded, and the agreement will now be referred to preliminary South-North Red Cross meetings for approval," the announcement said. "The main talks will now be held soon."

The statement did not give details of the agreements on the pending issues, however, including the site of the opening session of the full talks and many procedural matters.

BELGRADE FEARS CROAT ATTACKS

By LAJOS LEDERER
YUGOSLAV security forces last week killed the last member of the 19-strong Croat émigré group which slipped into the country at the end of June. But Yugoslav officials in Belgrade admit that this "suicide commando" is not the end of the Croat "Guerrilla Army" activities.

The Yugoslavs expect further incursions into their territory and an escalation of attacks on their missions abroad by the Croat émigrés, who are trying to separate their homeland from the Yugoslav federation and re-establish it as an independent state. The Croats have long wanted independence. They rejected Serbian dominance at the birth of the new nation after World War I. They speak a different language and have a different religion — Catholic rather than Orthodox.

The Croatian Revolutionary Brotherhood declared at its headquarters in West Berlin that "the fight inside Yugoslavia is being carried on relentlessly." Its secretary, Mr. Anton Tomulic, added that 63 men — and not, as the Yugoslavs said, 19 — were originally sent to Yugoslavia and 37 had been killed in fighting with the Yugoslav security forces. However, the "bridge" has recently been reinforced, Mr. Tomulic said, and there are "at present 49 men operating on Yugoslav territory."

FORMED BY USTASHIS
The nucleus of this group was formed by Ustashi terrorists, members of the right-wing extremist group which ruled the Nazi puppet State of Croatia during World War II and emigrated several years ago, and also by a great number of Croat nationalists who were recently ousted by the Ustashis. Their aim is to establish headquarters in Croatia and central Bosnia, hoping that merely by appearing on the scene they will gain the support of the local Croat nationalists. By acts of subversion they would cause unrest and insurrection in the country.



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The terrorists, in green uniforms and black hats, originally crossed the Yugoslav border from Austria and hijacked a truck to take them 500 kilometres to the area around Bugojno, 80 km. west of Sarajevo, the Bosnian capital. The Yugoslavs have given no details of this operation but it is suspected to have been designed to kidnap Marshal Tito.

The President has a hunting lodge near Bugojno, where he has recently spent a lot of time — but, as it happened, just before the arrival of the terrorist group, he left for Brioni, his island retreat in the north.

The terrorists, who are said to be armed with machineguns and daggers — a symbolic weapon carried by Ustashi members during the war — are employing the same tactics as Tito's partisans used against the German and Italian forces in World War II. They take no prisoners and they do not expect to be captured alive. The recent invaders killed 16 members of the Yugoslav security forces before they were all wiped out. (Ofna)

'Modern slavery' practised in France, says 'Newsweek'

NEW YORK (AP). — French employers who import poor and illiterate Africans "for dirty, back-breaking jobs in factories, kitchens and building sites" are practising "modern slavery," "Newsweek" said on Sunday.

The internationally circulated news magazine quoted U.N. and Italian authorities who are fighting to halt a traffic in illegal black migrants to France. "Newsweek" related instances of police finding the transported workers in squalid conditions and added: "Since most of the Africans — usually bewildered illiterates from former French colonies such as Mali, Senegal and the Ivory Coast — lack French work permits, they are smuggled into the country via Italy. Once in France they are all too often cheated, abused by employers and employment agencies specializing in illicit labour. A Kenyan official calls it 'a new form of the slave trade — a trade in black ivory or black gold.'"

"Newsweek" said the Italian Government appeared helpless to stop the traffic, which brings the migrants across the desert by bus or camel to Tunisia, where they apply for Italian tourist visas. A Serbian "mafia" was named as the middleman in the trade, which often forced the Italian Government to care for the transported workers in stopovers at Rome.

"Newsweek" claimed the African governments showed complacency toward this traffic.

Non-aligned call to arm Africans

GEORGETOWN, Guyana (AP). — The non-aligned Nations Conference was urged yesterday to cooperate in "financing, arming and training" of "liberation movements" in Africa.

Prime Minister Forbes Burnham of Guyana, a socialist, named South Africa, Rhodesia and Portuguese Angola as the logical targets of such movements because of their oppression of the black man.

Mr. Burnham labelled as "fascist and neo-fascist" the rulers of those African countries.

Rabbi of Odessa said removed from post

ELIZABETH, N.J. (INA). — Rabbi Pinhas Teitz, a leading Orthodox Rabbi, reported Tuesday that he had been informed on a recent visit to Russia that Rabbi Israel Schwartzblatt had been removed from his post as Rabbi of Odessa's only synagogue by Soviet authorities.

Rabbi Teitz, a former member of the Presidium of the Union of Orthodox Rabbis in the U.S. and Canada, said he understood that Rabbi Schwartzblatt had lost the position because the Jewish population opposed him. He was believed to have worked in close cooperation with the Government. Rabbi Teitz said that, with the shortage of rabbis in the Soviet Union, Rabbi Schwartzblatt almost certainly would not be replaced.

Rabbi Teitz also reported he had been told by Soviet officials that they expected 50,000 exit visas would be issued in 1973 to Jews seeking to leave for Israel — which would be an all-time record since the Soviet Union began to allow Jews to leave a few years ago. The Elizabeth Rabbi also reported that Rabbi Ya'acov Fishman, newly appointed Rabbi of the Choral Synagogue in Moscow, and Ephraim Kaplan, new president of the congregation, had started an ambitious programme to train religious functionaries at the synagogue's seminary — such as ritual slaughterers, but not rabbis.

Rabbi Teitz said he was told three younger Jews had been accepted for the revived programme of seminary studies, one of them from Birobidjan, the so-called Soviet Jewish Republic. He said the young man was in training to be a ritual slaughterer and that, when he completed his training, he planned to return to Birobidjan to serve Jews there.

Meanwhile, Soviet Jewish activist Vladimir Markman went on trial Tuesday in Sverdlovsk charged with "wanton hooliganism," giving "slandersous information" about the Soviet Union, saying "false things" about the U.S.S.R.'s nationalities problem, and having received money for "disseminating false information."

tion," the U.S. National Conference on Soviet Jewry told INA. The trial is being conducted under the supervision of Roman Rudenko, the Soviet Union's procurator-general. The prosecutor, Zyrianov, was the prosecutor at the trial of Valery Kukui, a friend of Markman's, in March 1971.

Commenting on the trial, Jerry Goodman, executive director of the N.C.S.J., said the fact that Rudenko had been sent from Moscow to "what might have been a provincial trial portends for us great fear that the Sverdlovsk trial could be the beginning of a wider net to bring in, at a future date, the Moscow activists who knew Markman."

It seems more than a coincidence, he said, that the local prosecutor, Zyrianov, was also at the trial of Kukui. "I believe," Goodman said, "this is the beginning of a concerted effort by Soviet police and judicial authorities to begin a series of additional trials."

Goodman also said the Soviet authorities, in "violation of all international laws," have apparently violated the privacy of their own citizens without their knowledge — as shown by monitoring international telephone calls to Markman. "This," he stated, "will be brought to the attention of the proper international bodies, and we will demand an investigation by the International Telecommunications Union."

Prohibition ends in Indian state

NEW DELHI (Reuters). — India's Maharashtra State ended prohibition for all adults after 22 years. The State Government announced that anyone over 21 can now have a permit to buy liquor.

Only one Indian state of Gujarat now maintains such a ban. Maharashtra had gradually eased liquor laws over the past few years, giving permits to people over 25 on "health grounds." Beer was later allowed to be sold freely. The government said its late decision would help to check illicit distilling of liquor and bootlegging, which had reached a serious level.

More than 50 people died in an incident last year after drinking a contaminated home-made brew.

Nepal landslides claim 165 lives

KATMANDU (AP). — Landslides caused by torrential rains in the Himalayan kingdom of Nepal have claimed a toll of more than 165 lives and hundreds of head of cattle, Home Minister Jogmehar Shrestha told the National Assembly Tuesday.

He said some of the people were buried alive in their huts while asleep.

Lindsay bars red light area for N.Y.

NEW YORK (AP). — Mayor John Lindsay on Tuesday rejected a proposal for the creation of a "red light" district in New York City. The proposal had been made recently by a group of Broadway performers who said that legalized houses of prostitution in a special district would help to end the street walking problem in Times Square.

"That is a drastic suggestion and at some point it may deserve a serious study," the Mayor said in a letter to actress Joan Hackett, spokesman for the Broadway group. "But we do not believe that it is a feasible or workable solution to the problem at the present time," the Mayor said. "We believe that a sustained attack can significantly reduce the presence of prostitutes on the streets."

The Mayor said that legalization of prostitution raised many "difficult issues" besides the "basic moral question." He said that the problem of finding a location for a red light district was "perhaps insoluble."

96 reported dead of cholera in Indonesia

DJAKARTA (Reuters). — At least 96 people were reported yesterday to have died in cholera outbreaks in two regions of Indonesia.

The newspaper "Kompas" reported that at least 46 had died in the city of Pontianak, in the West Kalimantan area of Borneo, since July 21; and the Antara News Agency said 50 more had died in the Ogan Komering Ulu district of South Sumatra between July 1 and August 4.

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The Jewish exodus from Arab lands is continuing

WHEN the State of Israel was established in 1948 some 845,000 Jews lived in Arab lands. Today only 50,000 remain (and 60 per cent of these are in Casablanca). Most of those who left have come to Israel; the second largest group is in France; others are in Canada, the U.S. and other countries in Europe and Latin America. The major exodus was in the early years of the State when the communities of Yemen, Iraq and Libya were largely evacuated. The period 1954-57 saw large-scale emigration from Morocco, Egypt and Tunisia and the early 1960s from Algeria. Facts and figures together with a description of recent developments concerning Jews in Arab lands appear in a survey by Dr. Hayyim J. Cohen of the Hebrew University's Institute of Contemporary Jewry in the latest issue of "Geshar" (published by the Israel Executive of the World Jewish Congress).



Rabbi Haim Dawid, former leader of the Egyptian Jewish community — now almost non-existent — in Paris. He got out last spring. (AP Wirephoto)

Libya: The projected union of Libya and Egypt would add Libya's 90 Jews to Egypt's 700. Despite the minuteness of the Libyan community the Gaddafi regime has maintained an unfavourable policy. A decree issued in 1970 confiscated the property of 630 Libyans of whom 605 were Jews. This was said to be directed against those who had left the country. Subsequently, they were offered compensation in government bonds and return of the property if they returned to Libya — but the good faith of this offer is doubtful when it is realized that 32 of the Jews concerned never left Libya, but nevertheless have not received their property back. Jews in Libya are not allowed to leave the country, and if any get out, their property is confiscated.

Egypt: Egyptian Jews also are not allowed to leave. The few who do succeed are not permitted to take any money or property. The last of the Jews arrested at the time of the Six Day War were released in July 1970, and no Jews are being held in prison. (The last group released numbered 81 persons who were immediately flown to France.) The Jews suffer from unemployment and poverty as their property has been confiscated. Communal property has also been confiscated and communal funds frozen. Few synagogues are open. The Ibn Ezra synagogue in Cairo has been turned into a museum displaying ancient scrolls of the Law, etc.

Iraq: After the Six Day War, the situation of the 3,000 Jews then in Iraq deteriorated and they were not allowed to leave the country. The situation grew even worse after the rise of the Ba'ath party in July 1968. Last year a number of Jews were arrested on charges of trying to leave the country, but eventually they, and other Jews who had been arrested, were freed, following U.S. intervention. In 1969, the Iraq government announced that Jews could register for emigration and about 1,800 did so but only about 30 were then allowed to leave. At the same time, Jewish students, who had been banned from Baghdad University since 1967, found it possible to be admitted for studies.

economic possibilities, too, are limited, and most of the Jews are forced to subsist on relief, provided by Jews of Syrian origin in the U.S. When a Jew dies, his property goes to the state and not to his heirs.

Lebanon: This is the only community in an Arab land enjoying freedom and full rights. They have not experienced any official interference during the entire period since 1948 — on the contrary, when there was danger of tension between them and the rest of the population (for example in 1948, at the time of the attempted revolution in 1948 and again in 1967), they received official protection. Because of the superior situation of Lebanon, Jews from neighbouring countries infiltrated and the number of Jews there rose from 5,000 in 1948 to 8,000 in 1958. It was only after the 1958 disturbances that Lebanese Jews looked to emigrate and this tendency increased after 1967, especially as the drop in tourism affected the country's economy. The process of emigration was accentuated as a result of the status attained by the terrorist organizations.

Generally speaking, the Jews in Iraq are in a poor economic situation — they tend to be unemployed and those with property and means have their accounts frozen. There remains an aura of fear and a reluctance to go out of their houses. There may well be more Jews in prison, says Dr. Cohen, despite official Iraqi statements to the contrary. Since mid-1971, the attitude to emigration has eased and Jews have been permitted to leave with small sums of money. Most Jews have taken advantage of this and now only a few hundred remain in the country.

Syria: Many reports have been made in recent months concerning the sorry plight of Syrian Jewry, which is today in the worst situation of all Jewries in Arab lands. Except for a short period in 1964, Jews have not been allowed to leave the country since before 1948. Nevertheless many escaped, especially until 1955. Since then it has been difficult to leave, as a result of which the number of Jews in Syria has remained comparatively high. It is estimated at 3,500-4,000, mainly in Damascus (2,000), Aleppo (1,000) and Kamishi in the north (500).

For several years Jews have had to carry identity cards stamped "Jew" (no religious identification is made for other Syrians). Palestinian refugees live in the unhabited part of Jewish quarters and their proximity to the Jews leads to frequent tensions and incidents. These refugees pay no rent to Jewish landlords and certain Jewish communal buildings (such as schools) have been transferred to them. Jews are not permitted to go more than four kilometres out of the town in which they live; Jews found beyond the limit are arrested, imprisoned and often treated with cruelty. The economic situation is very poor.

Appointment of Druse school head approved

The High Court of Justice Tuesday rescinded an injunction restraining the Minister of Education from appointing a man other than the petitioner, Balim Dahsh Muadi, as principal of the Druse high school in Yerka in Western Galilee. The Court also discharged an order nisi issued on July 13, directing the Minister to show cause why the man he had already appointed should not be disqualified. Mr. Muadi, brother of Deputy Communications Minister Jaber Muadi, had claimed that Mr. Uri Thon, a member of the Minister's staff, had, for political reasons, pressured the elections committee into denying him the post. The Court, presided over by Justice Alfred Witkon, found Mr. Muadi's allegations groundless and ordered him to pay IL1,000 court costs.

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OLD JAZZ TURNS ON THE KIDS



THE PRESERVATION HALL JAZZ BAND (The Billie and DeDe Band): "Billie" (Wilhelmina Pierce, piano; "DeDe" Joseph La Cruz, bass; sax with J. Kumpfer, clarinet Jim (Graham) Robinson, trombone; Ole (Joseph H.) Frasier, drums; Allan Jaffe, tuba; Chayotat Ra'anan, Jerusalem, August 9).
It was refreshing and enlightening to watch a capacity audience — over 90 per cent young people, many in fancy dress — following the very old-fashioned New Orleans jazz with absolute rapture and hearty approval, without waiting around too much, never disturbing the peace and the pleasant atmosphere of the gathering.

The veteran artists — the youngest 65, the oldest 80! — in their sincerity, modesty and naivety, proved that good things do not go out of style if offered in the right spirit and performed professionally. And they are all pros: Billie, the pianist, a most proficient key-puncher and vocalist (in the manner of the great Basie Smith); her husband, the horn player, contributing many fine solos — though his singing was always blurred by faulty microphone position; an inventive and agile clarinet-

ist (only 72!) and the trombone player, Jim Robinson (to my knowledge the oldest active trombone player, at 80), doing his spots with commendable skill and power. The drummer kept up an intoxicating pulse, and for his straight-but-effective breaks, always got an especially big hand. Allan Jaffe — the only member of the band not included in the age statistics (and the only white player in it) — walked and danced his way around and provided a good base for the bass register of the combination. They created an insouciant atmosphere in the packed hall. I saw only a few snobs who managed not to move a muscle all evening, but these people are hopeless. My own feet were beating out the very basic rhythms which have not lost their effect and attraction over the years. The pent-up energy and enthusiasm of the young audience were finally released in a free-for-all dance session on stage for all comers (Robinson had tried earlier, without success, to initiate dancing in the aisles). To the tune of "When the Saints Go Marching In" it made an appropriate climax to a most enjoyable two and a half hours.
YOHANAN BOEHM

Mozart for a hot summer evening

MUSIC AT EIN KEREM: Alexander Tal, violin; Zeev Steinberg, viola; Frieda (Targ) Music Centre, Ein Kerem (August 7). All-Mozart programme — Eine Kleine Nachtmusik, K. 23; Sonata for Piano, Four Hands, K. 481; Sonata for Violin and Piano, K. 377; Trio for Violin, Viola and Piano, K. 498.
The magic name of Mozart drew an overflow audience to the Music Centre at Ein Kerem. The instrumental combinations used by the composer point to the nature of the works chosen: they were mostly written for intimate gatherings, or provided a pastime for musicians, and entertaining friends and guests. All pieces are written in "basic" keys (G, C, F, B-flat) — all major — all music of uncomplicated character, light and unoppressed in texture and content, ideal for the Centre and a hot summer evening. The works on the programme do not form a regular part of the standard repertoire and do not pose great technical demands on the performing artist, so it would be unreasonable to expect a great amount of rehearsing to have gone into the preparation of this concert. Sound efficiency and goodwill were the hall-marks of the presentations, and the audience spent a relaxing evening (as far as the rather stuffy hall allowed) in the company of good artists and good, light classical (G, C, F, B-flat) — all major — all music.
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PREGNANCY IS STILL POPULAR

By GERALD STORCH
PHILADELPHIA (AP). — The advertisement read: "Wanted: one female to become pregnant. Must be under 26, Caucasian, intelligent and interesting. \$10,000 fee plus expenses for an 18-month period, plus educational scholarships and fringe benefits."
How many women would be willing to enter into such an arrangement? Hundreds, says Leonard E. Goodfart, a Philadelphia accountant who placed the phony advertisement in the underground newspaper "The Phony Drummer." Goodfart said he had received calls from about 500 women and has interviewed about 20 applicants in person. "The forces of life, the urge to make one want to create life are still present," Goodfart said. "This was very refreshing after reading about abortions and contraceptives and all that." Many of the women didn't want any money at all, he said, "and curiously enough, no one asked who the father would be." Goodfart described the potential mothers as "very nice and polite" in tone, rather than desperate. "One said the idea always fascinated her, having a child," he said. "But she wouldn't know who to do with it afterward." Another one, a fashion model from California, said she doesn't like the idea of marriage and she would like the idea of a "nanny." "And another was a wife who said she could use the money to put her husband through school," Goodfart told callers he represented a childless Philadelphia couple. The wife, he said, was unable to bear a child for medical reasons. "She admitted there was no such couple."

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How India counts the tigers

By GADINI SENEVIRATNE

THE 1,265,000 square miles of the Indian Union now contain an estimated 2,000 Bengal tigers — *Panthera tigris tigris* — and this is the only member of the tiger family, till recently numerous from Siberia to south of Sarawak and from China across to the Caspian Sea, that can hope to survive for much longer.

In India, in the southern and western forests of states like Mysore, Kerala, Andhra Pradesh and Madras the numbers are so small that they are not considered viable breeding groups.

But further north, in Madhya Pradesh, Maharashtra, Orissa in Central India, along the base of the Himalayas, the famous "Corbett country" of the Kumaon Hills and in the primeval rain forests of Assam, there are hopefully large concentrations.

Stage one of a nation-wide census of the tiger has just been completed by the Indian Government through its Forestry Service, the only organization (Indian or international), with the manpower, know-how and disciplines for such an immense task.

The problems of counting tigers in their natural surroundings, spread over such a vast area, are great. All previous figures have been educated guesses.

Census

The 1972 census covered the whole of India. The country was divided into three regions based on the arrival time of the monsoon, and the "count" took place during a single week in each region — one in April, the other two in May. The dense tropical forest habitat of the creature is difficult to penetrate. Aerial surveys and photography — from any level — are impossible. And there are good reasons why nobody is inclined to go out and count tiger heads.

Richard Waller, an Englishman



These tigers are in captivity (in the Basel Zoo), but 2,000 of their brothers are still free in Indian jungles. A census taken there recently was the first step in a programme designed to stop the gradual extinction of the tiger.

who grew up in a coffee estate in Southern India, is just back from a visit that was partly a census assignment for the International Union for the Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources (IUCN). He has told me how the Indians set about the huge task.

The census project was run by S.R. Choudhury, Head of the Wildlife Education Courses in Dehra Dun. Throughout March and April, Choudhury and his senior assistants conducted intensive practical courses in the jungles of Uttar Pradesh, Assam and Bihar to prepare the men who were to do the ground-work.

Courses

The courses were attended by senior officers of the Indian Forestry Service, who then held similar training programmes in their home states for forest guards, range officers, divisional forest officers and others.

The week of the count, in each region, was divided into five days and two days. In the five days the census-takers made detailed notes on prescribed proforma of conditions of their particular "beat": state of soil, vegetation, human encroachment, prey species and so on.

They also collected circumstantial evidence about tiger-sightings, whether cattle-lifters and man-eaters lived in the area, whether tigers were known to have cubs, everything including kills, sightings by vil-

lagers, tiger calls and faecal matter.

On days six and seven the "tiger tracer," invented by Choudhury, was brought into play as the census-takers searched for the harder evidence of pug-marks.

The tiger-tracer, says Waller, "is a six-inch by eight-inch piece of clear framed glass with four adjustable short legs in the corners of the frame." With this contraption the officers could record the pug marks of (very likely) every tiger in their area.

The left hind foot, or rather the mark it left, was what the tracer-wielders were after. The week immediately before the monsoon was chosen because the heat brings the animals round the waterholes. A second census is planned for early December when the grass is still high and the fastidious, dew-hating tiger tends to leave its prints on the sides of paths and forest avenues.

The purpose of the exercise is not just to find out how many tigers there are in India, but to assess distribution and population trends, the ratio of young in tiger communities, and the environment of the groups.

The census is one of a series of Indian Government measures aimed at conserving the tiger and other wildlife within its territory.

The need is urgent. Thirty years ago there were probably 20 times as many tigers in what is today the Republic of India as now. Causes of decline are diminution of habitat and killing for sport and profit.

Ban

In the past few years a total ban has been put on all killing and on commercial export of skins. Last year Delhi decreed that not even tourists shall export tiger skins from India.

The tales upon tales of tiger skins, seen on the way out at most Indian sea ports in the sixties, have disappeared from view. You can still be shown a score of skins in the back streets of Calcutta or Bombay or even Delhi. Tourists who tried to take one home would be searched and properly penalized when they left the country.

As for the habitat, pressures which have reduced India's forests to well below the 25 per cent of total land area considered a satisfactory ratio in any country, remain. The population is still 90 per cent rural, living in well over half a million villages.

But after heavy deforesting in the first years of independence the thinking has changed.

The greatest danger to the tiger more recently has been killing. But now the indiscriminate hunter who operated until about the middle fifties is replaced by the poacher. Recently poisoning has become popular. It is done by finding out where the tiger has killed and stuffing the victim with insecticides issued by the State for crop protection. The tiger unwittingly helps towards its own usually agonizing, and by returning to the kill as long as there is anything left on the carcass to eat.

Dick Waller says: "The really disastrous drop in tiger numbers in the past five or six years has been almost entirely due to poisoning, mostly by poisoning."

Policing

Even the strictest policing of forests can only slow the tiger's extinction. Considering the small incomes of peasants and forest guards and the large amounts of ready cash traders and trophy-collectors offer — often two months' income for a single skin — the end must be inevitable if nothing new is done quickly.

The plan, following the census, is to establish large reserves, perhaps by extending some of the many sanctuaries which already exist, covering around 500 square miles where the tiger still lives in healthy numbers.

The problems are great. To succeed, maximum security has to be provided for the tiger and for the animals on which it must prey — in fact the whole natural habitat.

This requires adequate patrol and guards well paid enough to be able to resist bribery and the temptation to poach themselves.

It also means measures to protect the environs of the sanctuary from over-population and over-grazing — the sort of threats facing the Gir Forest, where live the last of the Asiatic lion.

The vastness of the problem and the general strategy to solve it are appreciated. Panthera tigris tigris, in what may be its twilight, no doubt appreciates that Mrs. Indira Gandhi of India, Sheikh Mujibur Rahman of Bangladesh, and the young King Mahendra of Nepal are all on its side. India has to show the practical way to protection. The census is the first step.

(Gemini)

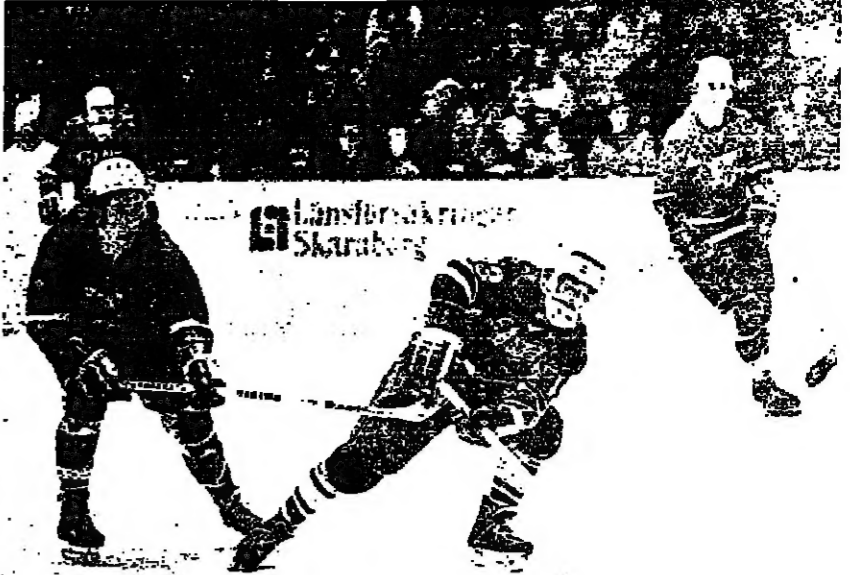
PEKING AGAIN LOOKING FOR SPORTS CHAMPIONS

By DENNIS BLOODWORTH SINGAPORE (Ofns) —

FASHIONS in ideological sin change in China almost as fast as hemlines and hats in more frivolous lands, and it now looks as if yesterday's vice of "championitis" may become tomorrow's virtue. The competitive urge to win at sports for glory and gain, and put technique before the study of Marx and Mao, has been damned in the past as a deviation, and trainers of top-flight players who transgressed were ruthlessly axed during the Cultural Revolution of the sixties for peddling such "counter-revolutionary revisionist trash."

It has been suggested that the gap this purge left, the shortage of fine performers worthy of representing China abroad in these days of ping-pong diplomacy — and perhaps at the Munich Olympics — has now induced a change of the official "line." For the active members of the rump Politburo in Peking celebrated the 51st anniversary of the founding of the Chinese Communist Party this month by attending no parades and making no speeches, but by handing around prizes at "an imposing ceremony" to winners of China's national basketball, volleyball, football, table tennis and badminton tournaments, which were held in June for the first time for several years. A National Athletic Competition of 1972 was also organized during the same period, and more than half of the contestants were "promising juniors."

However, whether they are still the same at home or not, Chinese players do not yet export championitis. "Friendship comes first, competition second," stressed the leader of a 21-strong ping-pong team on arrival in Singapore recently, where the dedicated Maoist visitors had been invited to play in a somewhat unsuitably-named stadium called the "Gay World." He and his comrades were here to win hearts and minds, not matches, so that although the unguessed brilliance of their play delighted and awed enthusiastic audiences, their surprised Singaporean adversaries



"Friendship comes first, competition second." This Chinese ice hockey team ventured as far west as Skaraborg, Sweden, earlier this year to compete. But the spectators said they never saw a friendlier group of players.

(drawn from a population of two million against China's 800 million) found themselves emerging honourably enough from the contest with two matches out of seven in their pockets.

Two downmanship

But the sporting two downmanship of the Chinese, while endearing them to some, drew adverse comment from others, for they were not as slick at losing as they were at winning, and the most widely-read newspaper in the republic put their throw-away failures into sardonic quotes: players whose superiority was obvious had "lost" matches narrowly by making "mistakes" at the last moment.

For the Maoists, this tour had a peculiar significance, for four out of five citizens on this island are Chinese, and Singapore has some-times been called the "Third China" by well-meaning friends and ill-

natured enemies. The division of loyalties between birth and blood was quickly apparent among spectators, whose urge to cheer on their fellow Singaporeans and pride in their Maoist cousins from the Chinese mainland conflicted to produce between them a nice sense of fair play.

The visitors were hailed and mobbed by enthusiastic fans when they went sight-seeing, and tourists sold tickets for their performances at four times their face value. They were given a rather "Chinese" programme for their leisure hours which included one briefing on the Port of Singapore Authority, and another on the cardio-thoracic unit of a hospital at which they were invited to watch an open-heart operation — nothing to do with ping-pong, but a smart return for all the acupuncture that travellers to China are shown at close quarters these days.

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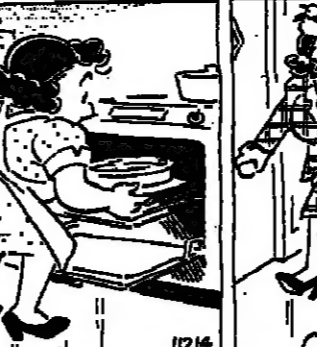
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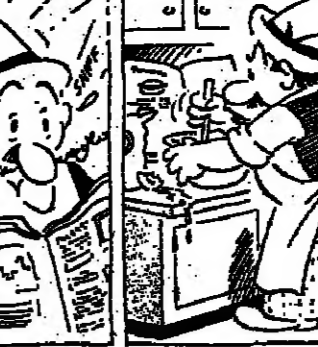
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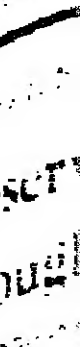
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his is the second in a series of reports by the State Comptroller on companies owned in whole or in part by the Government. Today's reports cover El Al, Lapidot and Eilat Construction.

Lapidot losses top IL1m.

Oil reserves drying up — not enough new sites found

By DAVID KRIVINE Jerusalem Post Economic Correspondent Lapidot's oil production in the Heletz wells (near the Gaza Strip) is declining rapidly as reserves dry up; the company is not doing enough to explore new sites, the State Comptroller observes. This is not Lapidot's fault, however; foreign investors are not interested, and the Treasury cannot take up its mind — and money is available only in dribs and drabs, a report points out.

WITHDRAWN It is to the credit of the company that only IL1.5m of profits were withdrawn in cash during the whole year. Dividends totalled IL12.3m, IL10.5m took the form of bonus shares — that is, the money as left in the company to finance exploration work. As drilling declined, investment as stepped up in research and geophysical surveys. This became increasingly urgent from 1968 onwards, when labour and equipment began to stand idle for lack of work. The Treasury's principle was to chip pound for pound with foreign investors; but there is no foreign investment now. Lapidot tried year after year to persuade the Treasury that this creeping formula should be dropped. Meanwhile, what exploration work had been done led the Geophysical Institute to recommend four new prospecting zones in the Western Negev: Rogen, Hatzerin, Halutza and Gaza. Six drillings are planned, two in the Ashdod area, and one close to the old site. So far only one has been started, in the



Outgoing passengers converge on an El Al Boeing 747. (Rubinger)

Praise for El Al performance, criticism of staff benefits

Jerusalem Post Reporter The State Comptroller's report on El Al constitutes a unique record of performance, not only in Israel terms, but in the international arena as well. The report, which reviews the national air carrier's activities to the end of last March, is the first since 1963. In these years, the company passed from dependence on the turbo-prop Britannias into the jet age, and, finally, to mastery last year over the unconventional problems posed by operation of the Boeing 747 jumbo.

By far the lengthiest section of the report (13 of 77 pages) deals with the staff, which numbered 4,776 at the end of the year under review. The report suggests that the relevant authority review the present method of calculating the pay of air crews for income tax purposes. Both flight officers and service personnel are paid partly in Israeli pounds and partly in foreign currency, which, for tax purposes, is calculated at the rate of 1:1.5, with the concurrence of the Treasury. The result is that flight officers pay income tax on no more than 50-55 per cent of their salary, while service personnel pay on 52-55 per cent.

Employees The Comptroller also deals with the free and unlimited reduced (up to 80 per cent) fares the company permits its employees and their relatives, subject to approval of various company authorities. The regulations require that such tickets be issued on a "space-available" basis so as not to interfere with traffic at peak periods. The Comptroller says in 1969 abuses were found in this practice, with both flights and rates of discount being fixed without proper authorization. Similar abuses were uncovered in the employees' rights to free or considerably reduced (up to 90 per cent) air freight. In addition, on 28 fully booked-up flights checked in 1971, an average of two per cent of the passengers were company men flying free.

NEILAT

Building without buyers

THE Eilat Construction and Development Company (Half Government-owned) completed a commercial centre in 1967, without openly checking whether there is a market for the premises. The charge also included an outlay of IL50,000 for development, though that was not stipulated in the contracts; and worse still, the company did not actually ever spend the IL50,000. The cash had been laid out by the Town Hall and the Lands Administration, who failed to claim a refund; and the company even scratched the liability from its books. The State Comptroller takes a grave view of this slipshod accounting system. He suspects that the over-charging might amount to a criminal offence, and therefore has passed the subject to the attention of the Attorney-General. The report observes that the manager of the company has had no leave since he took the job in 1967, but put in for extra pay instead. This too is against the law. The State Comptroller concludes by asking whether this company is really necessary. Private builders now carry out all the necessary construction in Eilat, and the company finds itself with less and less to do. What it does take on has yielded losses in four of the last five years. In November 1971, the Government decided to sell the shares to a public company; but by May of this year the transaction was still not completed.

OVERALL SHARE

In the fiscal year 1971/72 (ending in March) El Al's overall share in transporting passengers to and from Israel dropped by five per cent compared to the previous year (44.49 p.c.), accounting for 700,000 of a total of 1,591,000 flown by all airlines. One reason for the drop was the even faster expansion of a number of foreign airlines. El Al showed a IL114,000 profit for the year from a total income of nearly IL324.5m., compared with the more than IL1m. earned the previous year. Continuing the downward trend in profits since the peak year of 1968/69 (IL4,551m.). Last year's lower earnings reflect the heavy investments made in the acquisition of the two jumbos. The Comptroller, in his concluding remarks, notes that El Al could show this profit in a generally bad year for commercial aviation largely because of its high rate of passenger occupancy, the sharp rise in tourism to Israel during the year, and the special relations of the Jewish travelling pub-

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U.S. said supplying uranium to S. Korea

SEOUL (AP). — The U.S. has tentatively agreed to supply uranium for an atomic power plant South Korea is building for completion in 1976. Foreign Ministry officials said yesterday. The 590,000-kilowatt plant is being constructed at the seaside town of Tongsan, 200 miles southeast of Seoul. The two countries plan to conclude shortly an agreement under which Korea will purchase 12,900 kilograms of condensed uranium (U-235), they said. The uranium will be enough to fuel the first atomic power plant of Korea for at least 30 years, they added.

WALL STREET

AIRLINE STOCKS SHOOT UP

NEW YORK (AP). — Stock prices maintained a mixed pattern yesterday afternoon, but airline issues shot upward. Most analysts said the market's relatively level performance was a sign of strength, considering that some investors were bound to cash in their gains after the five days of advances which ended on Monday. Airline stocks soared, with analysts attributing the gains to a spate of increased passenger traffic an-

TEL AVIV STOCKS

Market firm due to new Ata bond issue

Jerusalem Post Financial Reporter TEL AVIV. — Prices rose sharply on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange yesterday with increased turnover. Nearly all stocks moved higher in the opening round as well as in the variables. Analysts explained the firmness by the great success of the Ata convertible bond issue. The underwriter announced yesterday afternoon that 13,600 requests for a total of IL10m. bonds were received. After careful consideration of all aspects he decided to allot 4.3 per cent of every single subscription, disregarding fractions of less than IL100 nominal value. This means that subscriptions of less than IL2,500 will receive nothing; those between IL2,500 and IL4,600 — one bond of IL100; between IL4,700 and IL6,900 — two bonds; and so on. As it seems unlikely that 13,600 single customers filled out subscription forms, it is obvious that some expected to benefit by handing in multiple orders of small denominations. They fooled nobody but themselves. Turnover yesterday increased to IL2.7m. of which IL1.5m. was traded in the variables. The General Index of Share Prices rose by 0.60 per cent. In the centre of interest again were the real estate companies. Africa shares increased two points to 288; LL.D.C. opened 5 points higher at 284 and added another 1/2 in the variables. In the latter 55,000 shares were traded. Iras added one point to 158 1/2, and Property and Building was 3 1/2 points up at 228. Rassco preferred added 1/2 point. Wolfson IL10 shares again hit the 130 level. This year's high was 140 (in April). Yesterday 119,000 shares were traded, and the stock closed at 130 1/2. Cial Industries was also on the rise and finished at 188, up eight points in two days. Banks were all a half or one point higher. I.D.B. closed at 205, up 1/2; Gen. Mortgage Bank at 208, up 1/2; Bank Leumi, up one point. Firm again was Hasmeh Insurance; the shares added another three points to 198. Among the industrials Ata shares were very firm. Ata C climbed 3 1/2 points to 178. On this basis the quotation of the newly issued bonds should be at least 10 1/2, but unofficially some debentures were already traded at 107 to 108. Ata's colleague in the industry, Argaman, HAIFA FLIGHTS BY ARKIA will be renewed during the second half of August, Mr. Rafi Soom, chief assistant to the Transport Minister, told the Haifa Municipality yesterday in reply to a cable protesting Arkia's failure to renew flights on August 1, as promised.

Foreign Exchange

Table with columns for currency and rate. Includes Dollar, DM, Swiss Fr., Yen, and Gold prices.

INTERBANK INTEREST RATES

Table showing interest rates for 1 month, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months for Dollar and Swiss Fr.

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL

Table listing various companies and their stock prices, including Alcoa, Alcan, Allied, and many others.

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U.K. may have new formula to beat soaring inflation

LONDON (UPI). — The Government has scored what officials say could be a breakthrough in its battle to beat soaring inflation in Britain. Officials say the result in the end could well be a voluntary pact between the Government, industry and the labour unions to keep a lid on pay and price hikes. This, they say, would make it unnecessary for the Government to clamp a mandatory wages-and-prices freeze like that ordered by President Nixon in the U.S. a year ago. Prime Minister Edward Heath has been resisting such a freeze, which would run contrary to Conservative Party free enterprise philosophy and which he also believes would not work. The possible breakthrough was achieved after a series of four meetings at Heath's No. 10 Downing St. office between senior Cabinet ministers; heads of the Confederation of British Industry (C.B.I.), which represents about 2,000 of the com-

Soviets announce Helium 8 discovery

MOSCOW (UPI). — Soviet scientists have discovered a new element called Helium 8, the Communist Party newspaper "Pravda" said yesterday. The nucleus of Helium 8 has two protons and six neutrons, three times the normal number, the newspaper said. The 12-year project leading to the discovery involved eight physicists. Western scientific sources said the potential value of the new element to mankind was difficult to assess. They described its structure as "highly complex" but said it could prove a boon to technology if it can be readily manufactured. Helium 8 is in short supply throughout the world, they said.

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BREAKDOWN IN COMMAND

By Erwin Frenkel

THE battle between Foreign Minister Abba Eban and the Ambassador in Washington, Yitzhak Rabin, has for long been undulating.

It has distorted relations between the Ministry and its most important Embassy, embarrassed officials, especially those loyal to Rabin...



Abba Eban and Yitzhak Rabin at Lod Airport. (Starphoto)

Minister inherent in such a circumstance was muted at first. But as Mr. Rabin took hold of his job, established his credentials with the Nixon Administration...

that Mr. Eban's prestige among U.S. policy makers declined. And it is reasonable to assume that Mr. Rabin, seen in Washington as the most immediate link with Mrs. Meir...

Different assessments of policy and the perquisites of command became hopelessly and grievously intertwined. How these tortured relations between Mr. Eban and Mr. Rabin affected policy toward the U.S. is not given to public view...

Moreover since Israel's relations with the U.S. touch on almost every important problem of Israel foreign policy, the Washington command post felt free to conceive its role not with a narrow reading of bilateral U.S.-Israel relations...

Sadat on thin Russian ice

IT took the Russian leaders almost three weeks to recover from Egyptian President Sadat's expulsion order and its aftermath. For the first time in Soviet history, a second-rate power has put Russia in a highly embarrassing position...

way out of the threatened impasse with the Soviets. It is highly likely, therefore, that Cairo may be looking for a mediator with Moscow. One of the names mentioned, that of Marshal Tito, is most plausible.

The Soviets were in no hurry to react to Sadat's moves. Yet they could ill afford to let him get away with them. Now it appears that Leonid Brezhnev has written a stiff note to the Egyptian President...

For the time being it is unlikely that either Cairo or Moscow will permit the situation to slide out of their control. Negotiations are in the offing. But before they can take place, the Soviets want to be sure that they will negotiate from a position of strength.

It is not yet known whether these were the only points in the Soviet note. What is certain is that Egypt is very disturbed by the content and tone of the note and is perhaps seeking a

Cartoon titled 'How the hell do we get out of here?' showing a man in a room labeled 'DEADLOCK' with a sign 'REN. POKOT' and 'MIN. ISRAEL'.

Hats off to the 'bad guys'

By Ephraim Kishon

THE protracted discussion between the writers' delegation and the Prime Minister concerning Bir'im and Irit was a noble thing. Even a citizen disagreeing with the delegates may be proud that the intelligentsia of his country will raise its voice against an injustice perpetrated in war...

Your correspondent wasn't invited at the time to join in the War of Independence either. We missed it by a couple of hours, and as a result we are not familiar with those wondrous events which turned a small Jewish minority into the majority...



Striking villagers and their supporters at Bir'im. (Chunging)

walked into the ravaged city of Jericho at the time, took possession of the most comfortable ruin, and sat in it abusing Joshua for "utterly destroying by the sword all that was in the city."

what's more, at heart it is pro-Israel. An innocent cousin of ours is being evicted from his home by the Tel Aviv Municipal Authorities and moved against his will to a different neighbourhood because the Ayalon project is going to pass by his house.

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THE BIR'IM AFFAIR

The common editorial theme in yesterday's Hebrew press was the so-called "Bir'im Affair." All the papers discussed the struggle of the former residents of Irit and Bir'im to return to their villages...

At Hamishmar (Mapam) was equally concerned over the fact that the former residents of Bir'im took the liberty of taking the law into their own hands; this will only take them further away from their objective. As to Archbishop Raya's suggestion that he might take the issue to the Vatican, the paper points out that the Vatican has no right whatever to interfere in Israel's internal affairs.

Sheva'im (Poalei Agudat Yisrael) accuses the left-wing parties of political incitement in an attempt to capitalize on the issue. The entire affair is a political-security matter; and the authority to handle it, therefore, rests with the Government and the security forces.

HEARD ABROAD

PROSTITUTION cannot exist in Spain because it was abolished some years ago. Mayor of Rota, Spain, answering allegations that British girls are involved in prostitution there.

Old sore, new wound

Had we been present at the meeting with Mrs. Meir we would have voted with the majority of the delegation. In the hope that we might be healing an old sore and not opening a new wound.

Penguin Books advertisement for 'The Jewish War' by Josephus.

Arab Labour advertisement for 'Arab Labour' by Haim Potok.

Stemmatzky's advertisement for 'My Name is Asher Lev' by Haim Potok.

Silent Cities Sacred Stones advertisement for a book by Jerry M. Landay.

Attention Tourists! advertisement for Danaya Manufacturers.

Stemmatzky's advertisement for 'The Jewish War' by Josephus.

The Macmillan Bible Atlas advertisement.

Newsweek advertisement for the August 14 issue.

Bestseller Paperbacks advertisement listing various titles.

TROOST AROMATIC CAVENDISH PIPE TOBACCO advertisement.

Readers' letters section header.

Mr. ALLON EXPLAINS section header.

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir... If ever there was a malloious concoction it is surely to be found in the last two paragraphs of your editorial of August 9.

B.O.A.C. ROUTES advertisement.

PENGUIN PAPERBACKS advertisement listing various titles.

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